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Title: IMAGE SENSOR, DRIVING METHOD AND CAMERA

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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3. [X] Specification [Total Pages: 23]

(preferred arrangement set forth below) - Descriptive title of the Invention

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- Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix.
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. [X] Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 12]

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- 5. [X] Oath or Declaration a.1. [] Newly executed (original or copy)
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i. [] DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. [] Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

7. [] CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or computer program (Appendix)

- 8. [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. [] Computer Readable Form
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. [] CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
  - ii. [] Paper
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#### ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 9. [] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- [] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
  - [] Power of Attorney
- [] English Translation Document (if applicable)
- [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 12. [] Copies of IDS Citations
- 13. [] Preliminary Amendment
- 14. [X] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized
- 15. [] Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
- 16. [] Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).

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17. [X] Other COVER LETTER FOR APPLICATION FILED WITHOUT EXECUTED DECLARATION

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For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 🚯 s considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. The incorporation <u>can only</u> be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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The above-identified application has been submitted without an executed oath or declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.41(c).

It is respectfully requested that this application be assigned a serial number and awarded a filing date pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53.

A duly executed oath or declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63 will be submitted after notification by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(f).

A non-executed copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, containing the inventorship information, is attached. It is respectfully requested that all communications be directed to the firm indicated on the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, namely:

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